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RE: FPPC Advice Letter A-85-055

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Dear Mr. Smith:

Thank you for your letter of February 26, 1985, requesting an informal opinion concerning your activities as a registered lobbyist.

The facts as I understand them are as follows: You are a registered lobbyist representing the California Automobile Dealers Association. At times you are requested to appear before the New Motor Vehicle Board. This Board rules on issues involving automobile dealers, manufacturers and the Department of Motor Vehicles. A member of this Board is an automobile dealer and is considering hiring you as a lobbyist to work on issues separate and apart from his activities as an automobile dealer or as a Board member. You asked, based on the above facts, if you would be under any special regulatory constraints or if there might be a real or implied conflict in this working relationship.

There is nothing contained in the Political Reform Act prohibiting this type of a working relationship. During the period of time you are employed by the Board member, you may not provide any discounts to the Board member or provide anything else of value which would violate Government Code Section 86203, the gift prohibition.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Kvasager

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Mary Ann Kvasager Fair Political Practices Commission 1100 K Street Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mary Ann:

This letter is a request for an informal opinion from the FPPC staff regarding the following factual situation:

I am a registered lobbyist representing, among others, the California Automobile Dealers Association. Occasionally, I am requested to appear before the New Motor Vehicle Board, a body which rules on issues involving dealers, manufacturers and the Department of Motor Vehicles.

A dealer member of that Board is considering hiring me as an advocate on issues separate and apart from his activities as a dealer or board member. Since he is a "reportable person" under FPPC rules and regulations, am I under any special regulatory constraints in representing him?

If you feel there is no real or implied conflict in this situation, please outline my reporting requirements for any activities or fees received.

Sincerely,

Loren V. Smith

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